

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-5. (Canceled).

6. (Currently Amended) ~~[[The]]~~ A device as recited in claim 5 for recognizing a pole crash, comprising:

at least one environment sensor to determine an impact velocity;

at least one impact sensor to determine an acceleration occurring in a crash; and

a processor configured to detect the pole crash on the basis of the impact velocity and the acceleration and to activate a restraining device as a function thereof;

wherein the processor is configured to determine a time between a moment of impact and a moment an impact object strikes an engine block, using the impact velocity and the acceleration, the processor determining the pole crash as a function of the time.

7. (Currently Amended) The device as recited in claim ~~[[5]]~~ 6, wherein the at least one environment sensor is a radar sensor.

8. (Currently Amended) The device as recited in claim ~~[[5]]~~ 6, wherein the at least one environment sensor is an ultrasonic sensor.